

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Zoning Administrator and Health Officer Kathleen Hayes; Animal Control Officers Heather Bent and Alana Vaillancourt; Visitors: Elijah Conn, Angelique Conn, Sara Santamore; Cheyenne Barnaby-Baker

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Dog Issue: Heather explained that she received a call about a dog hanging from his cable at the Chet Pearson property. She explained that according to the person who found him, the cable was around his neck and his leg. The person who found him got the cable off his neck and then took photos while the cord was still around his leg. Heather brought him to the vet because she wasn't sure how long his oxygen was cut off. He first walked on the top of his foot, indicating possible neurological damage. He was X-rayed, vaccinated and treated with antibiotics. He is walking better today but still limping. The bill totals \$434.30 with vet bills and boarding. His owner, Sara explained that Elijah was taking care of the dog for the day. She asked why she wasn't contacted before he was treated, since her phone number is on his collar. Heather stated that she did not notice the phone number on the collar; he was snapping when handled and it was difficult to get near his collar. Sara got the dog licensed today in Northfield. The Town had received a complaint from someone in Barre about Elijah abusing the dog while living in Barre. Chris noted that there is no complaint about abuse taking place in Marshfield, so we are not going to address that. There were two complaints about the dog barking while at the Pearson property. Elijah is going to be moving to Calais and Sara is living in Northfield so the dog won't be in Marshfield. Elijah and his Mom were only camping temporarily in Marshfield and the camper will be moved by tomorrow. The Selectboard agreed that the dog could be returned to Sara if the bill is paid. Heather can meet them to return the dog tomorrow. The Town will pay the \$30 boarding fee for one day but they will be charged \$30 for an impoundment fee, so the total will still be \$434.30.

Rich stated that the dog officer did her due diligence by taking care of the dog. After back and forth between Heather and Cheyenne about vaccinations, Chris stated that it is immaterial at this point. The Town did not have a record of the dog's vaccination status so it had to be vaccinated. The dog will be picked up tomorrow morning.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
